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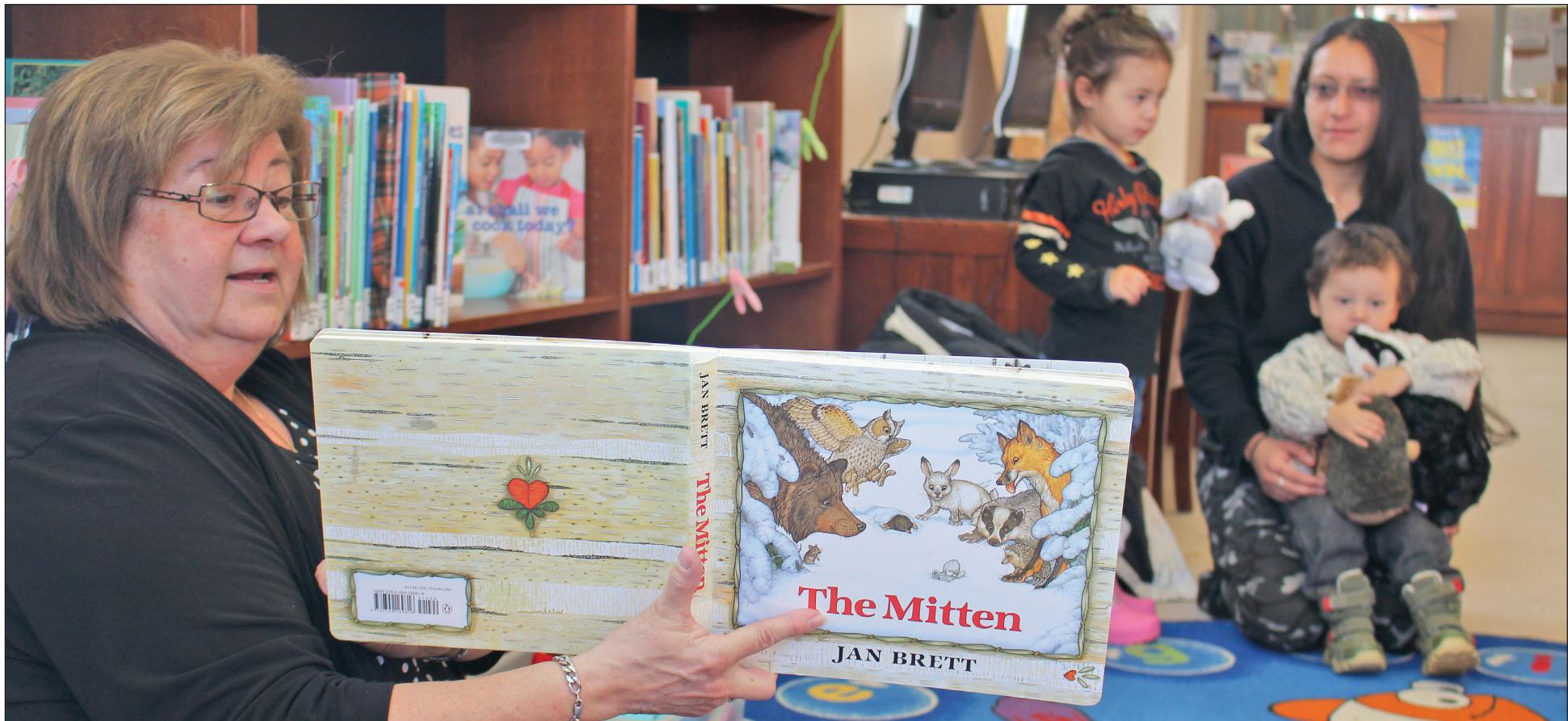


Photo by Mark Arike

Literacy specialist Bev Jackson, left, reads a short story to Rubi Robinson and her children Sakura, 2, and Keith, 1.

## Cardiologist Hughes facing allegations

By Matthew Desrosiers  
 Editor

Cardiologist Doctor Bill Hughes will face The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's disciplinary committee in March to answer allegations of incompetence and professional misconduct.

In the notice of hearing, it is alleged that Hughes is incompetent and/or failed to maintain the standard of practice of the profession in his care of patients. It is also alleged that Hughes engaged in disgraceful, dishonourable, or unprofessional conduct in his practice, including in his referrals to patients for diagnostic testing.

Prithi Yelaja, spokesperson for the college, said she was unable to comment on the specifics of these allegations, nor on the date which the complaints were received by the college.

She said the first hearing is scheduled for March 25-27, with further dates scheduled through to May. A panel of the college's disciplinary committee will hear the case as put forward by the investigators. Hughes' lawyer will present a defence, and the panel will render the final decision.

The Highlander has been advised that Hughes conducts a clinic monthly in Haliburton through the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team. However,

requests for confirmation or comment on how these allegations may affect his clinic and patients in the county were not returned by deadline.

If Hughes is found guilty of professional misconduct, the panel may revoke his certificate of registration.

"That would be the most extreme penalty," said Yelaja.

A certificate of registration is another way of saying his licence, she said.

"Every doctor needs one in order to practice in the province."

Other penalties include suspending his certificate of registration, imposing restrictions on his certificate of registration,

or paying a fine up to \$35,000.

If Hughes is found to be incompetent, his penalties would either be revocation, suspension, or imposing restrictions on his certificate of registration.

Yelaja said if a doctor has their certificate revoked, there is an opportunity to reapply after criteria are met as established by the disciplinary committee.

Hughes is being represented by health law expert Anne Spafford. She is a partner with Lerners LLP in Toronto.

Spafford declined to comment when asked about the allegations against her client.

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# Highlander news

## Stronger septic inspections in the pipeline for AH

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Councillors for the Township of Algonquin Highlands have committed to re-establishing a septic re-inspection program.

Although the scope of the program has yet to be determined, council agreed at a meeting earlier this month that they wanted to have one, and that work would begin to define what it might look like.

Ontario's building code has recently been amended to include mandatory septic re-inspections in specified areas of the province. Although Algonquin Highlands does not fall into one of those areas, the code allows townships to implement a discretionary maintenance inspection program if they choose.

According to a report prepared for council by CAO Angie Bird, the township hired Bos Engineering and Environmental Service to administer a septic re-inspection program from 2000-2005. At the time, 4,277 sewage systems were assessed. Of those, 259 properties that were identified as needing further action remain outstanding.

Until July 2014, the township was not a principle authority for septic approvals and could not enforce any action for these unresolved cases.

"We have to make sure if we're going to pursue a program like this, we have to do it well and correctly for the right reasons," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "Implementing a re-inspection program is not going to be a group hug in the community. Some

people are going to be annoyed." Moffatt said there is a fear of what this program might cost ratepayers who will be forced to take action on substandard septic systems.

"There is a huge opportunity for an aggressive public education campaign right off the bat to get people to understand their septic system's role in our entire economy," she said. "The looming spectre of a mandatory re-inspection program might make some people move faster than they may have done."

Ward 1 councillor Brian Lynch said he wants to see the township pursue the 259 outstanding systems from the first program. Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle agreed.

"The high risk ones, the first 259, we should target them and get them going," she said. "[As for] public education, now's the time because the lake associations are saying the same story."

Because of how much work has been done by the lake associations regarding septic health, Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said there are plenty of resources to draw upon.

Moffatt was clear the program is still in its early stages, as the budgets are all still being looked at. She said it would be unrealistic to expect implementation of the program this summer.

"The time has come," said Moffatt. "There are too many issues related to lake health, and this is the primary one, faulty septic systems. There is expertise in the community we can call on to help us through the process."

## County struggles to balance budget

By Lisa Harrison  
Contributing writer

In a dramatic shift in budget management philosophy, county council is considering borrowing this year to address pressing infrastructure issues while avoiding a larger tax increase.

Even councillors who have traditionally resisted the practice, such as Warden Murray Fearrey, agreed that borrowing is a good idea this year.

Treasurer Laura Janke summarized the current 2015 budget draft during council's regular meeting on Jan. 28.

According to Janke, the county emerged from 2014 with deficits totalling close to \$500,000, more than half of that from road repairs following severe winter floods. As well, both the Head Lake and Dark Lake bridges require substantial repairs, with Head Lake costs alone estimated at \$1.5 million.

Janke noted that reserves are at approximately \$2.3 million, their lowest level since 2007 when they were at \$2.1 million. At that time, the county's auditors warned the reserves were insufficient.

The county has applied for federal funding for the Head Lake bridge work for the past two years. If funding is declined again, the county will need to find at least a portion of the money to make the most critical repairs.

Janke suggested borrowing for the more essential roads work, perhaps up to \$3

million, advising the bank has quoted an interest rate of approximately three per cent.

Councillors agreed and asked staff to come back with recommendations for specific projects and the associated costs.

Fearrey said later that reserves have been dropping due to capital issues, sometimes unavoidable "surprise" expenditures, and "what happened this year, an exceptional 100-year storm."

He gave several reasons for his change of heart regarding borrowing.

"One, the province looks to help those who have debt," Fearrey advised. "I don't agree with the philosophy, but understand the reality."

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**Murray Fearrey**  
warden, Haliburton County

bang for the buck."

Fearrey's fourth reason was that more provincial offloading is foreseen "and I don't want to see our bridges and roads [generating] huge tax increases year after year."

"A reasonable loan at less than three per cent will move out the yard sticks."

Borrowing for various roads projects is among several items that must be addressed before the final levy can be confirmed. They will be brought before council at special meeting on March 11.



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## County approves \$100k for Minden affordable housing project

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

A vacant property located off Stouffer Street is the preferred site for an affordable housing development in Minden Hills.

That was one of the recommendations council received in a presentation from Hope Lee, CEO and secretary of the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation (KLHHC), during a Jan. 15 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

In August, the previous council gave Lee the go-ahead to undertake a feasibility study to look at two possible locations for such a project, the other being the current site of the township's fire hall. The KLHHC received a \$10,000 grant from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to undertake the study.

"At the end of that presentation, we were happy that council passed a resolution that they were supporting us continuing to look at a potential housing project here," said Lee.

The KLHHC engaged the services of an architect to come up with a conceptual design. A working group, comprised of a development consultant, the architect, the corporation's staff and tenants, was formed to provide input to the plan and project.

The first phase of the single-storey development includes 12-units, two of which would be fully accessible, for seniors and those with disabilities.

"We wanted it to fit well into the environment," explained Lee as she held up a conceptual drawing. "We've done that quite well with this nice design that we've come up with."

Ten of the "affordable" one-bedroom units would go for \$658 per month – or 80 per cent of market value – while the remaining two units would rent out for \$822. Utilities

would be included in that price.

Five housing allowances of \$250 per month would be provided to assist seniors on social assistance and those on "basic pensions."

"What we're proposing on adding is five housing allowances so that five of those 10 units can be even more affordable," she said.

Lee pointed out that the project meets a number of goals, some of which are identified in the township's Village Master Plan, the county's housing strategy and the City of Kawartha Lakes 10-year housing plan.

Lee highlighted possible partnership opportunities with Habitat for Humanity and community organizations to provide support services.

In order to make the project a reality, it will require funding from all levels of government and KLHHC.

"KLHHC's board has already committed a reserve contribution if the plan goes forward," she said.

At a meeting of Haliburton County council on Jan. 28, councillors agreed to provide \$100,000 towards the project's capital costs, once they receive confirmation that it is in fact going ahead.

The business plan has received approval from the corporation. If other targets are met in the proposed timeline, construction should begin in the spring of 2016 with early occupancy set for the start of 2017.

Minden's councillors expressed their excitement, highlighting the need for such a development in the town.

"This is exciting news for our community," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin. "I hope this is the first of many visits from you in the coming years."

"This has been a long time coming and it's exciting," said Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch. "We need to make something happen here in the near future."

The KLHHC also oversaw the Whispering Pines development in Haliburton.

**Watch coverage of the Ontario 55+ Winter Games at [highlanderonline.ca](http://highlanderonline.ca)**

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## Dysart starts new year with a \$280k deficit

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Dysart is going to have to deal with a deficit of about \$280,000 in the 2015 budget.

Municipal treasurer Barbara Swannell provided council a brief financial update on Jan. 26, which indicated that a significant portion of the additional expenditures were a result of last summer's road washouts and other necessary maintenance.

As a result of direction received from council, staff examined the fee structure for administrative services specific to property and taxation. Swannell said she consulted with other local municipalities

to find out how they would be addressing these fees in the coming year.

"I did hear back from both Minden and Algonquin Highlands, and they had both expressed the fact that they were looking at revising their administration fees through the 2015 budget process," she said.

Some of Swannell's recommendations include amending the handling fee for NSF cheques from \$35 to \$40 and charging \$50 instead of \$25 to issue a tax certificate detailing all monies owing.

The increases – with the exception of introducing a new fee for overpayment refunds – will be incorporated into a draft bylaw.

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# Editorial opinion

## Inspired by sport

I love sports.

I love competing in sports, and I love to watch, too. I grew up on a baseball diamond, learning to play with a team. A lot of who I am as a person today was developed on the field, the court and the rink.

Some of the best stories come from sports. Comeback stories, personal triumphs and epic collapses. Watching a game or match is like witnessing a story unfold on the field. And the emotion from a big play or win is electrifying.

Playing sports makes me feel alive, and it's that feeling that inspires so many to compete and play well into their later years.

One such athlete will be with me later this week as I try downhill skiing for the first time. In her 80s, she, along with a number of other Highlanders, will be competing in February's Ontario 55+ Winter Games. I have no doubt who's the fittest and will get down the hill in one piece. Hint: it's not me.

For the last few weeks, HighlanderTV has been profiling local Ontario 55+ Winter Games athletes and their sports. So far we've shown bridge and table tennis. Mark Arike is suiting up for a game of hockey in this week's video and me, well, I'll be skiing.

These Games are a way for seniors to keep the flame of competition alive while enjoying the health and social benefits of physical activity.

But don't let the kind smiles and grey hair fool you. These are not your doting

grandparents, at least not during the competition. Whether it's bridge or table tennis, the athletes of the 55+ Winter Games are playing to win. Each will tell you their sport keeps their minds sharp, their bodies fit. The urge to play gets them up in the morning and pushes them throughout the day.

The Winter Games are about more than medals or economic activity in the county. They're a way for our seniors to stay in touch with that spark within themselves, to compete and have fun.

Sports are a part of who I am, and I won't ever stop playing as long as I can lift a bat or lace up my own skates. The Winter Games athletes inspire me because they've done just that – they've kept playing, and the impact of that on their lives has been positive. Standard medical advice for seniors is to stay active, to use it or lose it. Our local participants are role models for that kind of healthy living.

Check out the Ontario 55+ Senior Game videos on HighlanderTV, if not to see me fall on my face going down the ski hill at Sir Sam's, then to get to know these athletes a little bit better. I'm sure, like me, you'll be inspired.

See you at the Games.



By Matthew Desrosiers

## A tribute to Don Harron

A Canadian icon, Don Harron, passed away Saturday, January 17. He was 90 years of age. He died at home with his family at his side following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Actor, comedian, writer, composer and a star of stage, screen, radio and TV, Don Harron was adored by Canadians coast to coast. He was a member of the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario, received a Gemini Lifetime Achievement award and was a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

In his later years, Don and his wife Claudette Gareau developed a special place in their hearts for the Haliburton Highlands.

Don's first experience in the area came earlier in his youth when he attended a cub scout camp on Balsam Lake near Coboconk.

More recently Don and his partner Claudette came to the Highlands in October 2005 when he was the guest of honour at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Haliburton County Home Support Services. His alter ego, Charlie Farquharson, was the featured speaker for the occasion and he delighted the audience with his rapid fire barbs and observations of the Canadian scene.

He next visited the Highlands in July 2010. Highlands Summer Festival had booked Don and his many characters along with Claudette for two performances that summer in a show called Charlie Farquharson and dem Udders. The couple spent the summers in Prince Edward Island where the musical version of Anne of Green Gables, which he helped write, has been performed before 2.5 million people attending 2,500 performances. However, the Festival was able to coerce them away from the island for four days to entertain here at the Highlands Summer Festival.

I was assigned the task of meeting the couple at the airport and looking after them until they flew back east. It was during those four days that we became friends. The couple sat for an interview for my ARTSWEEK Program on Canoe FM, regaling me and my listeners with tales from his more than 75 years in Canadian show business.

Throughout his stay, like during the visit five years earlier, the couple marveled at the beauty of the Highlands. They loved getting out of the city. They also were a most down to earth couple. Don always had time for those

who recognized him, posing for photos, signing autographs and listening intently to their stories about how they watched Hee Haw, or saw him perform at Stratford or in Spring Thaw, heard him on CBC Radio or loved and read all his books.

Don returned to the Highlands again in November 2012 on a tour promoting his book *My Double Life: Sixty Years of Farquharson Around With Don Harron*. He drove up the day before the reading and book signing at the Harmony Farm Restaurant south of Kinmount so that they would again have time to enjoy what the area had to offer.

The last time I saw Don Harron and Claudette was in early June 2014. It was in Toronto just before they were to leave for their annual summer visit to P.E.I. That summer marked the fiftieth anniversary of the staging of Anne of Green Gables and I wanted to talk with him about the show and the amazing legacy he and his fellow writers, Norman and Elaine Campbell, and Mavor Moore had created. Don's mind was spry as ever, but, on the verge of 90, the years were starting to show and he moved carefully under Claudette's watchful eye. Don talked warmly about the development of the musical and the many memories he had of the show which has become the longest running musical in the world.

His passing, while not unexpected, still came as a surprise and was tinged with the sadness that accompanies the loss of a man of his stature.

Canadians have lost an icon, a man who never turned his back on this country even when he found success in the US and overseas. Canada was his home. It provided the grounding for his humour and characters. He was admired across the country for the many laughs and telling truths he revealed through his humour.

From what I could observe, Don delighted in whatever life gave him. He enjoyed the opportunity to entertain, to make people laugh and make them think. He was a gentle, caring man who left the world a better place.



By Jack Brezina

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# Letters to the editor

## Why we need a food centre in Highlands East

Dear editor,

The new food centre will allow us to better serve the needs of the regional community. Given the challenges/poverty of this region, a Highlands East focused approach was required.

I applaud Highlands East council for their leadership to help make this project possible. To be clear, we are not competing with the facility being built in Minden, we are working together to complement their project. It is important to note that the Minden Food Bank was not only aware of our project but also

sent a letter of support to the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

We believe having two regional food/programming hubs on opposite sides of the county will allow us to better serve our communities as well as acquire and store more food for ourselves and the organizations we partner with. I encourage anyone wanting more information to visit our website, attend a future community meeting or contact me personally.

**John Teljeur**  
Chair, Highlands East Food Centre



## Photo of the week



Photo by Richard Stephenson

A family of deer out for a walk.

## Once bitten, totally fried

Our dog, Jeff, has eaten the remote control for the TV.

Well, not exactly eaten it, but simply crunched big teeth marks into it, causing the remote to give up the ghost entirely. It's knackered, shot, broke, end of story (or end of TV).

What I don't get is why, exactly, Jeff would choose to chew on the remote of all things. I've heard of dogs chewing cushions. I have a friend whose dog chews shoes but only her shoes, and only ones that are expensive, mind you. But why chew a remote control? It hasn't got that explosive, feathers everywhere, finish to it. Nor does it have the saliva inducing jerky-like chew of a posh ladies shoe (not to speak of the aroma of said shoe!). No, the remote is nothing but a lump of hard plastic. Like chewing an electrical plug or toy car... Best not leave any of those out anymore.

I just don't get it.

Now, it's not that I am new to pets. I'm not a total English city toff, you know. We already have a cat. A cat who does all the required catty things like prodding you with her razor sharp claws as she finds the

perfect place to sit down, and scratching the corner of the sofa until it's a shredded mess. That I can deal with. One swift boot to the backside and she halts her couch deforestation project, temporarily.

We also had goldfish last summer, when the fair came to town. I recall writing about their swift demise then, and Little Z's mourning of their passing, the subsequent burial and replacement with two blue fish from the pet store.

I have to admit to one of the blue fish also dying. I wasn't present at the discovery of the dead fish a few months back, but I did find it just the other day, in a Ziploc bag, in the freezer.

"What the..? Why..? Who..?" I stuttered.

My lovely wife looked at me as if I was a complete idiot and said: "We're keeping him until the ground has thawed and we can bury him next to the goldfish."

Of course! I guess I should be thankful that Little Z hasn't heard of cryogenic freezing, and his mom convinced him that we can bring Bluey (yep, that's his name) back to life at some point in the distant future when the world is a better place for

blue fish!

But I digress, pets. When I was a child back in Blighty my family had a couple of cats, a plethora of goldfish – all lone individuals who died soon after being won at various fairs – and we also kept chickens. They, the chickens that is, not the gold fish, didn't lay many eggs and they certainly weren't destined for the pot, my mother loved them far too much for that. Instead, she used to feed the local fox with them. Yep, every few weeks the fox would turn up and steal a hen or two. My mum would be distraught that she'd left them out for too long after dusk and swear never to do it again, only for the same thing to happen three or four weeks later. The only remedy for this constant chicken pilfering was... well, it was to buy more chickens.

We also had a baby lamb one year. I cannot really remember much about it other than from the numerous photos of me as a six year-old nursing it with a big bottle of milk. I asked my Dad a while back why there were no pictures of me with the lamb after it had matured into a sheep. He smiled a little too broadly and said: "Mint sauce."

But none of this previous, obviously totally inadequate animal husbandry had prepared me for the dog eating the remote. I mean, all we did to deserve this heinous act was to let him stay indoors on an exceptionally cold day, while we went into the village. Instead of putting him outside, to shiver in his kennel, we allowed him to stay home alone, indoors, in the cozy living room, his bed right next to the still warm gas fire. And the thanks we get is a severely mangled remote control.

Thanks Jeff.

I'm not happy with you because, firstly you chewed the remote, and second, you upset my lovely wife because we couldn't get the TV to work when one of her favourite shows was on. And upsetting my lovely wife means we all suffer.

So Jeff, chew pillows, eat my shoes (or maybe her shoes, they smell better) but don't chew the damn remote!



**By Will Jones**

## TheOutsider

# Highlander opinion

## Eye on the street: *Have you ever watched the Minden ice races?*



**Tom Mayhew**

Haliburton

No, I have not been and I do not know why I have not been there. Maybe I will go this weekend. Sounds like fun.

**Pamela Joyce**  
Highland Grove

No, but that is a funny thing as my friend and I were just talking about going to watch. We will likely be going to check them out.



**Lynn Goldman**  
Maple Lake

This is our fourth winter up here. Where are these and when? We need a better way of letting people know about events. I had no idea. I'd love to see them so we will be there.

**Rick Yaskovitch**  
Brady Lake

I drive by them all the time but I have never gone to look. I am in town once or twice a week and I just take it easy. Should go.



**Sherry Stromberg**

Minden

Yes I have. My husband and I go to watch them. We dress super warm and have fun. I like it because it brings lots of people to town. We need more things like that.

*Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin*



### Planning for the Places for People Annual Bowlathon is now underway...

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## Powerboat races to roar into Haliburton

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

Competitive powerboat racers will be whizzing around Head Lake this summer during the first Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races.

Event organizer Barb Hammond approached Dysart council on Jan. 26 to request the municipality's support for the event, which will take place from Aug. 21-23.

Hammond told council that the site for the races has been booked and that Haliburton RPM has signed on as a major sponsor.

"There will be approximately 70 racers," said Hammond, a longtime cottager and owner of the Fort Irwin Cottage and Garden Centre. "A lot of them are family units so the kid races, the father races, the mother races and so forth."

The proposed oval race course measures 3/4 of a mile. A hot pit area and judges stand are also included in the plans.

The event will be hosted by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) but sanctioned by the Canadian Boating Federation, explained Hammond.

Council was shown a video with clips of racing action that included background information about the high-octane activity.

With similar races held in Dunnville and Gravenhurst, the Haliburton event will kick off with a meet-and-greet with local riders Brandon Sutton and Wesley Hammond, both of whom grew up on Haliburton Lake. The Haliburton & District Lions Club has agreed to run a food booth, with all proceeds going to the club, and the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary will sell raffle tickets for prizes to benefit their organization.

"We're trying to make this a community event," she said, adding that the organizers would like to make a long-term commitment to Haliburton. "We've given up a location in Dunnville, which used to be for that particular weekend."

The town docks will be blocked off to the public during the event, but Haliburton RPM has agreed to make their boat launch available at no charge. In order to deter people from the race area, a pontoon boat complete with signage will be stationed near Head Lake bridge and other boats will be located around the course, said Hammond.

The event has received written support from the executive of the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA).

A letter was also received from Judy Skinner, past president of both the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and Fort Irwin Residents' Association. Skinner praised Hammond for her involvement in the community and noted that several auxiliary members are willing to volunteer for the event.

Hammond said it will cost about \$8,000 to bring the races to Haliburton. A significant expense is the cost to rent outhouses, which are \$215 each for the weekend. At other venues, anywhere between six and eight outhouses have been used.

In order to not tie up local resources, two paramedics and an ambulance will be contracted from outside the county at a cost of about \$1,600 per day, said Hammond.

Jason Famme, past president of TORC and current racer, said that anywhere between 200-300 spectators could be seen watching the races during peak times at other events.

Fearrey told Hammond that the group's financial request will be discussed in upcoming budget deliberations.

The site is subject to insurance approval, which will require the municipality to be named as a third party.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Helen Vella stands with one of her pieces in the *Humours of Haliburton* exhibition.

## Seeing the faces of Haliburton

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

The newest show to open at the Rails End Gallery puts a mirror up to the community.

In her show *Humours of Haliburton*, Helen Vella uses watercolours to paint portraits of the many characters found throughout the community.

"This is part one," she said. "Part two, there'll be a whole other group of characters."

Walking through the gallery, visitors will recognize the many faces that cover the walls.

Vella began her work in 2013, painting portraits of the musicians who played at McKeck's. Since then, she's branched out to include other recognizable folks around town.

Sometimes she asked permission to take a photo for her work, while other times she sneaked it, said Vella.

"I love drawing people," she said. "I really, really enjoy it."

Vella began drawing portraits when she was a young girl. Her first was of her rock hero, Keith Richards. She was 14. Other musicians included David Bowie, Jimmy Page, and Robert Plant.

"I would draw people in cafes, on the bus," she said.

During her trips to Ireland, Vella became known as the crazy Canadian girl who drew people at pubs.

"I would go to the pubs because I love the music, so I'd hide behind my sketchbook with a cup of tea and I would draw."

Because she also enjoys painting landscapes, Vella has become very comfortable in Haliburton.

"The town is scenic and beautiful," she said.

You'll find a few landscapes in her show, including a painting of the rail trail on a piece of bark.

*Humours of Haliburton* runs until March 7 at the Rails End. For more information, visit [railsendgallery.com](http://railsendgallery.com).

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**February 26**  
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**March 12**  
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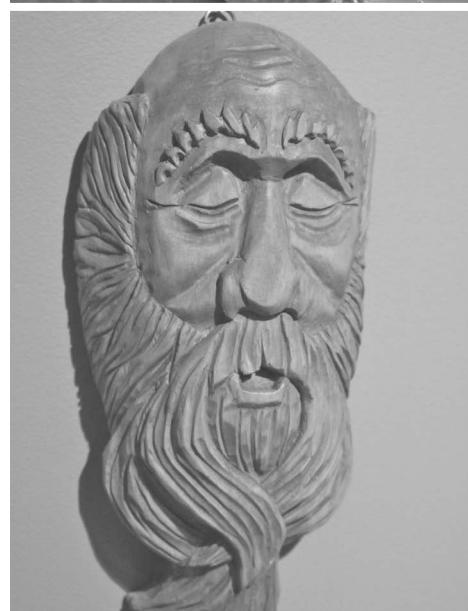
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## Rails End Gallery members on display

Strong and Free: Annual Salon, the Rails End Gallery's members show, is now open for viewing. The show opened on Jan. 24 in conjunction with another show, *Humours of Haliburton*, by Helen Vella. Strong and Free includes 49 artists and 79 separate works of art. Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favourite piece. Pictured above: Jim Honey and Melanie Sedgwick take in the art on display in the Strong and Free members show. Left: *Man of Secrets* by Keith Rydberg is on display as part of the Strong and Free members show at the Rails End Gallery.

## New learning

Trevor watched as the child fell. And fell again. He cringed as the well-padded young form smacked the hard surface. Knowing what it felt like, he sympathised at what he considered a necessary part of learning to skate. You fall and fall and then gradually you don't fall quite as often. There are a few tentative steps before you go down. Eventually you glide over the ice and wobbly becomes solid and smooth.

He knew some people took to it more quickly than others. Those with a good sense of balance and coordination made it look easy. These were the same ones who mastered riding a bike in record time. Trevor had never been one of those people. Because he had to struggle, the final achievement was all the sweeter.

Walking back from the park's outdoor rink Trevor couldn't help but think of Monica. How that woman had loved skating. He'd watch her in their flooded backyard as she skinned and twirled in the moonlight. Night skating was her favourite and Trevor was quite content to watch her from the other side of the patio doors. Since her death, he hadn't wanted to look at a skater or ice or even moonlight, which is pretty hard to do when you live where he did.

So now he was pushing himself to get out of the house, walk to the park, and look around at what was going on in the world. Some days he didn't even want to get out of bed but he was learning he could do those things with a little effort.

The village was buzzing with activity as Trevor walked past the shops. Snowmobilers clomped along in their bulky clothes and heavy boots, hair helmet-flattened and cheeks like pomegranates. Families from the city pushed through restaurant doors or over-flowed their SUV's laden with skis and snowboards.

Continuing past the bodies and busyness, he made his way toward home. It felt good to be walking in the cold clear air, to see the pristine sky above a landscape cloaked in white. He felt more alive, more aware than he had for months. Sunshine helped, Trevor thought as he marvelled at the sparkle of the icy branches, like bejewelled arms and hands beside his driveway.

Inside his house, the computer screen stared blankly. Trevor was not a big fan of the new technology but was trying to learn how to use it more effectively. Social media was a real mystery but the library was offering basic instruction and he had signed up, starting next week. He wondered how Monica would have adjusted to all the changes, all the new learning that seemed to surround him. Some days it felt like a wall he couldn't climb but other times technology was more like a thin veil through which he could just make out shapes and colours.

If he was honest with himself, he knew exactly how Monica would have dealt with it. Like anything new or difficult, she would have seen it as a challenge to which she could and would rise. And along the way she would

## Down our Road



encourage Trevor to do the same, to thrill in the acquisition of skills and knowledge.

But she wasn't here to do that anymore and he missed her. He missed her energy and positive outlook, the curve of her arm on the pillow and the crooked smile that hid a wicked sense of humour.

A mug of coffee in hand, Trevor stood looking at the backyard. Under all the snow lay a large pond, not as big as the flooded yard used to be but sizeable nonetheless. He wondered what condition the icy pond would be beneath the white stuff. On a whim he headed back outside, now with a shovel.

As he scraped away the snow, the pond emerged. It was surprisingly smooth. Each time Trevor's arms pushed the shovel, exposing the ice, it felt like he was pushing aside a weight that had been holding him back. Finally free, the pond gleamed in the late afternoon sunshine, the snow piled around it like a humpy duvet.

That night as the moon shone from a great distance, Trevor laced up his old skates and took a spin around the pond. Amazingly he didn't fall once, and he wondered if that was thanks to Monica. Because he was sure he felt her hand in his whenever his legs shook or his feet hesitated. He knew he could learn to live this new life of his.

# Highlander life

## A different kind of comeback for Carl Dixon

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

On April 15, 2008, Carl Dixon's life was forever changed by a horrific car accident that turned his world upside down.

"After my crash, it was very uncertain what I would do next," said Dixon in an interview with The Highlander.

The Canadian rocker, whose music career includes stints with The Guess Who, April Wine and Coney Hatch, suffered multiple injuries in that head-on crash near Melbourne, Australia.

With no choice but to put music and life as he knew it on hold, Dixon had to come to grips with his new reality. Some of his friends suggested he delve into the world of motivational speaking and write a book about his experiences.

"That began me on the process," he said. "I never would have thought of it without that prompting."

A year after the accident, he began jotting his thoughts down on paper.

"I recall the very first thing I wrote was, 'Why would you listen to me?'" joked the affable musician, who has been living in the Highlands for the past decade.

He eventually overcame his lack of confidence and began filling up hundreds of pages in several legal pads. It wasn't until three years later that all of this written work

made it to the desk of an editor.

"The main thing the two different editors I worked with did was tell me I'm writing too much, and cut this and cut that."

The first draft of his autobiography, "Strange Way to Live," came in at about 300 pages, which was "pushing the boundaries" for what his editors wanted to see. Dixon was advised to keep to a maximum of 85,000 words, but he more than doubled that with 185,000 words – and he wasn't done yet.

"There was a lot of cutting," he fondly recalled.

Despite this, his editor promised not to take away "the Carl-ness" from the story.

"He also said his mission was to retain all the elements in the story that are unusual – that are not like the average reader's life," he said.

Dixon signed a deal with Dundurn Press in the fall of 2009. However, it wasn't until this past January that the details of his life and career hit the pages of the soft cover book.

In its pages, readers will get a glimpse into Dixon's musical journey and the trials and tribulations he faced. As he puts it, Strange Way to Live details his experiences "in the dogged, determined pursuit of my musical muse."

Dixon was pleasantly surprised to discover just how funny a read the entire book was after reading the final version. One of his personal favourite chapters recounts his tour



Photo by Mark Arike

Carl Dixon has just released his autobiography 'Strange Way to Live.'

of Newfoundland with the group Alvin Shoes in the spring of 1979.

"I was surprised at how funny it is. I was making myself laugh at my own book. When you're immersed in the process you don't really see it the same way as when you can come back to it later objectively."

He made sure to also talk about life in Haliburton, including his time spent in the area as a youngster and "hanging out with the guys at McKeeks" in more recent years.

First and foremost, Dixon wants people to enjoy the book. Secondly, he wants it to achieve enough success that the publishing

company asks him to write another release.

"I've learned from a long time in the music business that you can have hopes and goals, but expectations are not rewarding," he chuckled.

A book launch will be held on Jan. 29 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. The event will be hosted by Mike Jaycock, who will interview Dixon on stage. Dixon will sing a few songs that relate to the story and read excerpts from the book, copies of which will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$5 at the door with all proceeds going to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank.



By Mark Arike

### Bank plugs customers in to energy savings

On Jan. 23, TD Canada Trust encouraged its customers to cut back on their energy consumption during their first-ever Save-a-Watt Customer Connection Day. Throughout the day, customers were able to discover some energy-saving tips and receive one of 150 LED light bulbs that were given out at no charge at the Minden branch. "As North America's first carbon-neutral bank, we're constantly striving to lower our footprint and help the environment," said Minden branch manager Carol Patrick. As part of a "pilot environment day," Patrick added that 24 branches in the area participated in the initiative. Pictured above: TD customer Ann Barker, left, proudly displays her new LED light along with branch manager Carol Patrick.



Photo by Mark Arike

Peter Meraw, former owner of Minden Pharmasave, reflects on the history of the pharmacy during a recent presentation at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

### Pharmasave looks back at history

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Members of the Haliburton County Historical Society took a trip back in time to learn about the history of the county's oldest drug store, now Minden Pharmasave, on Jan. 22.

Former store owner Peter Meraw provided the free history lesson on Jan. 22 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"Haliburton County's oldest drugstore is the Minden Drug Store and we have on our sign that it was established in 1949," said Meraw, who owned the store with Richard Smith for the past eight years.

"There's a little bit of grey around that date,

but depending on how you consider the succession of a business it could go back as far as 1865."

In recent weeks, the long-standing business sold to Phong Tan and Raj Kashyap, both owners of other Pharmasave locations.

Meraw highlighted key dates in the history of the drug store and the evolution of pharmaceutical care in the town.

In the audience was former store owner Janet Heffer, who ran the business with her husband Paul from 1973 to 2006, and Carolyn Coburn, whose father Lorne was the pharmacist for more than 25 years before that.

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# Junior highlanders

## Literacy still key to kids' success

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Bev Jackson believes that starting early is the key to success when it comes to developing math and literacy skills.

The early literacy specialist with the Ontario Early Years Centre spent the better part of Jan. 27, also known as Family Literacy Day, at the Minden and Dysart library branches to read to local children and provide them a few skill-building activities.

"If we start with our children very early and they have an interest in reading and stories, then that continues on through their life," said Jackson. "They find that children do better in school the younger they start doing early literacy at home when they're young."

For the past 10 years, Jackson has been working with children between the ages of zero and six in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. The program is part of a government initiative.

"There are 61 early literacy specialists throughout the province," she said.

During her recent visit to Minden, Jackson read the children's story *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, which was followed by fun activities that tied back to the story.

Based on feedback she has received through the program, parents are very appreciative of the service that Jackson provides.

"As we know, parenting's not an easy job. There's so much for parents to know and they can't be the experts in everything. I think what they appreciate is we bring them the highlights of what's important, what they should focus on," she said.

According to the Canadian Council On Learning, 48 per cent of Canadian adults have low literacy skills. It is expected that the proportion of adults with low literacy skills will remain virtually unchanged between 2001 and 2031.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Level states that there are five levels of literacy – Level 1 being very poor and Levels 4 and 5 being strong. Attaining Level 3 status – which "roughly denotes the skill level required for successful high school completion and college entry" – is considered adequate for being able to cope in a modern society.

Jackson provides literacy and math programs in the areas she covers every week.

"Usually I'm at the library a couple of times per year. I'm at the Early Years Centres at least every month. It's by demand and what parents and families in the community are looking for," she said.

Anyone interested in more information about the literacy program should call 705-286-1770 in Minden or 705-457-2989 in Haliburton.



Photo by Mark Arike

Public health nurse Kelly Taylor, right, enjoys the story of *The Mitten* with Rubi Robinson and her children Sakura and Keith.



File Photo

Razzamataz performs 'Where the Wild Things Are' in Haliburton on Oct. 19, 2014.

## Razzamataz nabs fed cash

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The popular annual Razzamataz Kids' Shows! series is the recipient of \$6,500 from the federal government.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin made the funding announcement in a Jan. 19 press release.

"I am thrilled that once again our government is supporting Razzamataz Kids' Shows!, which is celebrating its 30th year of providing children and families in the Haliburton region with access to top-quality arts and cultural experiences," said Devolin in the release. "I strongly believe that arts and cultural organizations like Razzamataz strengthen our communities and enrich the quality of life of Canadians."

The funding, which has been made available through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund,

will pay for some of the costs associated with the annual series. The non-profit volunteer group provides a range of live entertainment for children and their families, including music, theatre, dance and puppetry.

"Haliburton Razzamataz Kids' Shows! is grateful for the support received from the Department of Canadian Heritage," said Razzamataz chairwoman Dawn Mole-Hurd. "This funding enables our organization to celebrate our 30th season of offering family entertainment and to present four performances ... and a dance theatre residency involving community members in a professional public performance."

According to the Canadian Heritage website, the Canada Arts Presentation Fund provides "financial assistance to organizations that professionally present arts festivals or performing arts series, as well as their support organizations."

## Through my eyes Evaluation of our lives



forget about those plaguing issues after a while. But, if I am too busy working I have no time

to spend with family and friends. We must all find the right balance between work and family.

Ron, at Canoe FM, told me that he knows the professor of Loyalist College, so if I want to pursue a career in broadcast journalism he can arrange a private tour of the college. If Loyalist College is anything like Fleming College here in Haliburton, quiet, laid back and friendly, I could see myself attending this college in the future. It's a shame that Fleming College here doesn't offer courses in broadcast journalism. It seems to me that broadcast journalism should be considered an art.

When you sing you use your voice to vocalize the music and the words that are written on the score to your intended audience. Broadcast journalism is not unlike singing. We read a written message for an audience so should we also not be considered artists?

Perhaps Fleming College should consider having some broadcast programs as part of their curriculum. I feel strongly about this because one of the hardest things for me to do is to have to go somewhere other than Haliburton to attend school, but I think given enough time to process the change I could make the transition to going to Loyalist College.



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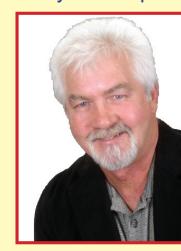
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# Highlander sports



Above: A player from Team Mitt Lickers, the Over 35 champs, takes a shot against Team Schomberg. Below: The Schomberg goalie sprawls to stop a Mitt Lickers breakaway.



## Builders tourney helps food banks

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

It took an overtime period to decide the winner of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) Hockey Tournament championship, but in the end, it was Team TBDTEA who took home the trophy.

They defeated the Dukes in overtime, 3-2, to win the trophy. In the Over-35 division, the Mitt Lickers defeated Churko Eletric 3-0 to win.

Aggie Tose, HCHBA executive director, said it was a good weekend of hockey.

"The tournament went well overall, on time and with little issue," she said. "The hockey is

always great. The final games were all close." The tournament ran from Jan. 23-24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Tose didn't have the final tally yet, but all monies raised from the tournament support local food banks, she said.

"Home Builder Association members are the top employers in this county, in fact, this province," she said. "Construction is the highest employer and we work year round, unlike some other industries. The association has been supporting the food banks for more than 20 years and we feel this is a great way to support the whole county and not one segment."

"Our members are from all over the county and it is important for us to divide our efforts in this way."

## Reid leads the pack into Lindsay showdown

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Izac Reid is atop the standings headed into his next race.

The Minden snowcross racer leads the CSRA Junior 1 (14-15 year-olds) division with 132 points, two ahead of second. In Junior 2 (16-17 year-olds), Reid is four points up on second place with 134.

"I feel pretty good," said Reid. "It's too early in the season to know how the points are going to work out, but I'm on top right now and I'm hoping I can stay there all winter."

Reid is fresh off a strong weekend in Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, on Jan. 17-18.

"On Saturday, my first race I had a crash on the first turn, but I got up and passed half the riders to win fourth," he said.

"The next race I won."

The riders earn points after each race, and the combined total determines their place on the podium. Reid finished third overall in Junior 1.

In his Junior 2 races, Reid earned first and second place finish, winning him the top overall position for the weekend.

"I'm getting better starts this year," Reid explained. "I feel comfortable on my sled."

His expectations are high riding into Lindsay on Feb. 7-8 for the Amsoil



Photo submitted by Izac Reid

A screenshot taken from Izac Reid's GoPro helmet came as he lines up for a race.

Kawartha Cup.

"I've always been good there," he said. "It's a hometown race and all my friends

and family are there. Last year I won there, so hopefully we can do that again."



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## Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls captured and secured first place in the eastern loop of the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League for their league playoffs. The Storm finished their regular season with a stellar 18-1-4 (W-L-T) record. Great effort girls!

The Storm wrapped up their regular season on the weekend with a win and a tie as they moved into their league playoffs and provincial playdowns. On Saturday, they travelled to Oakwood to take on the aggressive Lindsay Lynx in an afternoon tilt. The Storm jumped out to an early lead with a beauty dangle by Alicia McLean. McLean added her second of the game in the second period to add to the lead. The Storm continued their pressure, creating scoring chances off of solid puck movement which resulted in two more unanswered goals from Erin Little and Erica Carmount. Connor Marsden stopped all Lynx shooters in securing the 4-0 shutout win, her ninth shutout of the season.

On Sunday in Minden, the Storm hosted the Northumberland Wild in their last regular season game. Being short-staffed the Storm played a solid effort, moving the puck and generating many scoring chances. In a battle between tenders, both clubs tried to break the scoreless tie to gain a momentum advantage. Neither team could find the twine and the game ended in a 0-0 tie. Awesome finish to the regular season girls, great puck movement to create scoring chances, solid "D" to control the tempo of the game and outstanding goaltending to carry us into the post-season.

Keep up the determined efforts girls, moving our feet, sharing the puck, creating scoring chances and playing aggressive to take on the challenges thrown at us. We'll need to keep the focus as we anticipate our

first round playoff and provincial playdown opponents.

## RM Carpentry Atom A

Submitted by Jason Glecoff

It's the playoffs! The Storm's first round opponents are the Parry Sound Shamrocks, whom the Storm manhandled all season, decisively winning our last three encounters. The Shams were out for some payback.

### Game 1

Right from the opening faceoff, something was off. The Storm was not raging. The score remained 0-0 after one, but 80 per cent of the action had been in the Storm end with the Storm tender Maddock keeping his team in the game. But the long drive on a Friday night, after a long day at school proved, too much for the Storm and the Shams prevailed 3-0, taking the first of this best-of-five series.

The Storm players and coaches had a lot to think about on their long drive home on a dark and stormy night.

### Game 2

After a day off, the Storm were ready to host the Shams and get down to business. In the first, Boom Boom Tidey opened the scoring, burying a feed from Phippen. Soon after, the Storm intensified with a pretty play close in. Phippen to Vargas to Phippen, back and forth across the crease, and Phippen's second point on the Storm's second goal. Before the end of the period, Phippen would walk out from behind the net, slide the puck across the crease, forcing the goalie to step sideways and open the five-hole to score another.

In the second, the Storm would add one more from the Phippen-Boom Boom connection. Tidey fed a beautiful pass across the Sham zone to Phippen with a high and tight shot from the top of the circle. It was 4-0 after two periods, which saw a total Storm team effort, great forechecking from Winder, Robinson and Upton, stellar defence

from captain Glecoff, Huthingston, Smith and Mills and "shut the door" goaltending from Maddock. But the Storm had to make it interesting for the fans. In the third, the Shams poured it on and managed three goals to bring the score within one. With a minute and a half to go, and an empty Sham net, they pressed six-on-five but the Storm refused to yield and took Game 2, 4-3, in a contest highlighted with four points from Phippen, a hat trick and an assist, on what would prove to be a dark and Stormy afternoon for the Shams.

## Smolen Dentistry

### Bantam A

Submitted by Susan Haedicke

The Storm met with the Oro Thunder for Game 2 and lost 3-2 in overtime. It was extremely entertaining as Oro stepped up their game and surprised the Storm.

The Storm got on the scoreboard early in the first with a goal by Cooper. Oro tied it up on a power play. A hard shot from Garbutt, fed by Flood, found the opening while short-handed. That gave the Storm the lead in the second. The Thunder came out strong in the third, making it 2-2 and sending the game into OT.

The Storm were ready for Oro and Game 3 last Friday, winning 5-2 and taking a 2-1 lead in the series. After a scoreless first period, Manning started the scoring with a sweet spin around goal, assisted by Patterson-Smith. Minutes later in the second, Walker took a shot, it was tipped by Lucas Haedicke to Flood and he snapped it in. Next goal came off a faceoff, a pass by Schmidt to Patterson-Smith, ending the second 3-1. The Storm came out flying in the third, with Manning getting two more goals and a well-earned hat trick, assisted by Patterson-Smith.

The Storm team was pumped for the win last Saturday. They wiped out the Thunder 4-2, moving on to the next round of the

## Highland Storm

playoffs against the Penetang Flames. Flood started the scoring early. It didn't take long for Oro to tie it up and take the lead. It was a battle in the second with the Storm down by a goal. With less than a minute to go in the second, the opportunity came while on a power play. Cooper capitalized on a pass by Flood, making it 2-2. It was an exciting third period as the teams continued to work hard. Manning gave the Storm the go-ahead goal, unassisted. Cooper finished things off with an empty net goal. Congrats to the entire Bantam A team, and a special mention to Smolen who was solid in net the entire series.

## Minden Pharmasave

### Peewee A

Submitted by Jennifer Little

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team challenged the Parry Sound Shamrocks in their first OMHA playoff game on Saturday resulting in a shutout for goalie Ethan Glecoff and a 9-0 victory for the team.

It was quite apparent to the spectators that the Storm meant business right from the first seconds of the game. Coaches and players knew that the game could be tricky with Joe Boice and Alex Little missing due to illness. But the boys stepped on to the ice on fire and they didn't look back scoring six goals in the first period alone.

The boys slowed things down in the second with just one more goal and ended the third with two more to bring the score up to 9. Fantastic teamwork by everyone! Goals scored by Isaac Little (3), Zach Morissette (2), Braeden Robinson, Nigel Smith, Tyson Clements and James Alexander. Assists by Ryan Hall, Cole Prentice, Braeden Robinson, Isaac Little, Benn MacNaull, Paul Turner and Aaron Bellefleur. Way to work together boys and move mountains! The boys will travel to Parry Sound this Friday night for Game 2. Come cheer them to victory in Game 3 this Saturday at the SG Nesbitt arena at 2:30.

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### Monday afternoon, Jan. 19

**Men:** High avg: Claude Cote – 208  
High single: Claude Cote – 251  
High single handi: Joe Colliers – 292  
High triple: Claude Cote – 673  
High triple handi: Fred Phipps – 731

**Women:** High avg: Chris Cote – 175  
High single: June Fortune – 213  
High single handi: June Fortune – 277  
High triple: Chris Cote – 497  
High triple handi: Norma Terro – 640

### Monday night, Jan. 19

Men: High avg: Rick West – 209  
High single: Rick West – 269  
High single handi: Gary Carter – 282  
High triple: Ron Cummings – 597  
High triple handi: Gary Carter – 699

**Women:** High avg: Cathy Snell – 222  
High single: Cathy Snell – 251  
High single handi: Marnie Couture – 269  
High triple: Cathy Snell – 582

## Fast Lane Bowling Scores

### Thursday, Jan. 22

**Men:** High avg: Gerry Wagg – 176  
High single: Wes Lowell – 223  
High single handi: Wes Lowell – 281  
High triple: Wes Lowell – 580  
High triple handi: Wes Lowell – 754

**Women:** High avg: Pat Stiver – 171  
High single: Gloria Wagg – 221  
High single handi: Joan Bell – 274  
High triple: Lynn Bartlett – 527  
High triple handi: Lynn Bartlett – 716

### Friday afternoon, Jan. 23

**Men:** High avg: Ken Thompson – 203  
High single: Claude Cote – 264  
High single handi: Claude Cote – 283  
High triple: Claude Cote – 697  
High triple handi: Gary Hunt – 742

**Women:** High avg: Chris Cote – 174  
High single: Pearl Foster – 232  
High single handi: Pearl Foster – 286  
High triple: Pearl Foster – 586  
High triple handi: Pearl Foster – 748

# Events calendar

A crossword puzzle grid with the following numbered entries:

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- 57: 72 (down)

## ACROSS

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10. Constricting snakes	48. Select group
14. Sunburn remedy	49. Get free
15. Angry	51. First extra inning
16. Marshal Wyatt _____	53. Not fitting
17. _____ to riches	57. Watertight coating
18. Marriage arranger	61. Monte _____
20. From Dublin	62. Speed up
22. Rumor	66. Dietary fiber
23. TV host	67. Smile
24. Abounds	68. Honeydew, e.g.
26. Fill again	69. Unaccompanied
28. Puccini work	70. Foam
33. Performed	71. Positive replies
36. Reporter _____ Lane	72. Washstand item
37. Moose's horn	
38. Lyric verses	
40. Pseudonym	
42. Actor Baldwin	

**DOWN**

1. Scientist \_\_\_\_ Curie
2. Siren
3. System of reasoning
4. Inferior
5. Actor \_\_\_\_ Robbins
6. Retiree's acct.
7. Wrestler's pad
8. Engraved
9. Alter slacks
10. Hibernating animal
11. Acorn trees
12. Neighborhood
13. Agile
19. Bricklayer
21. Foot part
24. Work hard
25. Least hard
27. Bank transaction
29. School gp.
30. Jazz's \_\_\_\_ Fitzgerald
31. Critic Rex \_\_\_\_
32. Circle parts
33. Medicine quantity
34. Revered one
35. Hero shop
37. Vietnam's continent
39. Tennis unit
41. Curve
44. Copper, e.g.
46. Long story
49. Menu item
50. Empower
52. Opponent
54. Pointer
55. 747, e.g.
56. Copier's need
57. Droops
58. Light tan
59. Tart
60. Camera glass
63. Roker and Pacino
64. Boot tip
65. Naval officer (abbr.)

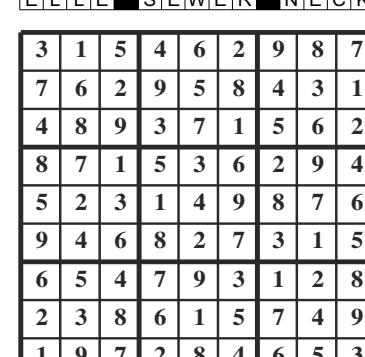
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# Highlander events



Left: Jack de Keyzer plays a solo on his guitar. Above: Jack de Keyzer (left) and saxman Richard Thornton get the crowd into the performance.

Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

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## De Keyzer's blues rock the Dominion

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Jack de Keyzer knows how to rock a crowd.

The Juno Award-winning blues musician played The Dominion Hotel on Jan. 24, and at the end of the show there wasn't a butt left in its seat.

"The show was incredible," said George Farrell, promoter of the Canadian Blues Legends concert series. "[It was] perhaps the best musical experience I've had in the Highlands. Jack is simply a gifted player who also knows how to structure a set. There was not a weak moment, [and] his band was also top notch."

De Keyzer was accompanied by bassist Allan Duffy, Dave McMorrow on keys, Rick Donaldson on drums, and saxman Richard Thornton.

"The crowd was stunned and appreciative at the same time,"

said Farrell. "I don't think some of them really knew what they were getting in to."

Throughout the set, people cheered and applauded during and after each song. Some were dancing in their seats. Farrell said the energy was intense.

"There were a lot of people shaking their heads in disbelief and admiration of the quality of what they were hearing, and they respected Jack's obvious feeling for the music."

The band returned for a two-song encore after the crowd gave them a standing ovation.

"I expected a good turnout, but it's always nice to see a sellout," Farrell said. "Jack was appreciative of the audience and wants to come back again."

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# What's on



Photo by Mark Arike

Scotty Morrison with a signed Team Canada jersey that will be auctioned off during the annual tournament that bears his name.

## Scotty to welcome NHL alumni and refs to tourney

By **Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

Hockey action will fill the Minden arena for three days from Feb. 6-8 for the seventh annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament to benefit Community Support Services.

The event is expected to bring in 18 teams from Haliburton County and beyond, as well as some recognizable figures from the professional hockey world.

"It really started off very well," said Morrison, who is the chairman of the tournament.

Morrison, a local resident and former NHL referee, recalled how the fundraiser came to be.

"I got a call from Roxanne Casey when she was still working at Community Care [now Community Support Services] and she said,

'We're looking to do a hockey tournament, Scotty, and we would like to use your name.' I just jokingly said, 'That and 25 cents will get you a cup of coffee,'" he laughed.

Over the past six years, the tournament has netted \$190,000 for a variety of programs that support seniors and adults with disabilities in Haliburton County. Some of these include Meals On Wheels, Emergency Response Systems and transportation.

Morrison, who also was the president and chairman of the Hockey Hall Fame, called the support from the business community "outstanding." The tournament offers three levels of sponsorship – gold (\$500), silver (\$250) and bronze (\$100).

A big part of its success over the years, said Morrison, is that people realize how important the services the organization provides to the community are.

In addition to providing spectators some entertaining hockey, the tournament will

feature a pub night and hot stove on Friday night from 7-9 p.m. Special guests will include former NHL referees Bill McCreary and Ray Scappinello, former NHL players Walt McKechnie and Steve Ludzik, and Moose FM personality Rick Lowes as the master of ceremonies.

A number of high-ticket items will be up for bids in a silent auction that starts on Friday night and closes on Sunday. Morrison recently got his hands on a Team Canada jersey which has been signed by a majority of the gold medal-winning players from the world junior championship. The jersey, which hasn't been worn, will have a set minimum bid. It comes with a certificate of authenticity.

Morrison's son-in-law works for Hockey Canada and was able to acquire the jersey for the fundraiser.

As for the rest of the tournament, Morrison is hopeful that the pub night will draw many visitors to the arena. He also would like to see

a large crowd at the Saturday night exhibition game, which will see the high school alumni team take on NHL officials.

"The teams that are playing, there's some very competitive games," he said.

Divisions include Open, 35-plus, 50-plus and Women's.

The tournament comes to a close on Sunday with final games and presentations.

In looking toward the future, Morrison hopes the annual tradition continues for many years to come.

"It's a nice fundraising event now for the [Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation], who direct every cent over to Community Support Services."

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